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Docket No. 122, Room N-2625
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Sirs:

I am a small business owner in Danville, a southern Virginia community surrounded by local farmers. We have no conflicts between smokers and non-smokers in our store or in our community.

Neither my employees or I smoke and I have made no accommodations for smokers/non-smokers. Customers are allowed to smoke in the store and I provide ashtrays if they should choose to smoke.

I feel no need to provide accommodations for the smoking public. For the type business I'm in, I don't feel I should be required to construct a separate, ventilated smoking room. Customers are in our store for a very short duration. First of all, busy people would not take the time to stop in the room to smoke. Furthermore, if the Government forced us to build a separate room for the smoking public, we would have to raise our prices and risk losing customers to huge businesses which can afford ridiculous government regulations.

I hope the government will provide a policeman to patrol what would become a lounge for anyone wanting to rest a while.

Sincerely,



Pat Sterner, Owner
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